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SUBJECT: THAI RICE FOR CAMBODIA

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 3284

B. BANGKOK 5234

C. BANGKOK 4805

D. BANGKOK 4706

1. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION APRIL 9, CHUMPHON, DEP DIR- GEN FOREIGN TRADE, TOLD EMBOFF THAT TEL SENT SAME MORNING TO LY KIM HENG, SONEXIM, INVITING HIM TO ARRIVE BANGKOK APRIL 16 FOR NEGOTIATION 5,000 MT PURCHASE. CHUMPHON SAID DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO SELL CAMBODIA 5,000 MT NOW AND THAT HE WOULD ALSO DISCUSS WITH HENG FUTURE CAMBODIAN NEEDS.

2. LAST WEEK, MICHARN, UNDER SECRETARY, MIN OF COMMERCE, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT THAI WILL SUPPLY RICE CAMBODIA REQUIRES BUT CAN' T DO IT ALL AT ONCE. HE REPRESENTED THIS AS MINISTER OF COMMERCE PRASIT' S POSITION. VICHARN ALSO SAID MINISTRY OF COMMERCE DOES NOT RPT NOT SEEK US ADVANCE PAYMENT AS DEP FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI HAD SUGGESTED (REF D).

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3. COMMENT: CHUMPHON HAS BEEN INFORMED EMBASSY PHNOM PENH
REP WOULD ACCOMPANY HENG AND THAT THAI SHOULD DISCUSS MECHANICS
OF PAYMENT WITH HIM AFTER TRANSACTION WORKED OUT WITH GKR.
VICHARN' S AND CHUMPHON' S COMMENTS REINFORCE EMBASSY FEELING
(BANGKOK REFTELS) THAT THAI WILL PROVIDE NEEDED RICE BUT WILL
NOT MAKE FIRM ADVANCE COMMITMENT FOR LARGE AMOUNT.
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